

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-24 (cancelled).

25. (original): An apparatus for manufacturing an instant photography film unit which comprises a mask sheet having an image frame and two sheets, one of which has a photosensitive layer, superposed and bonded to each other, and a pod storing a developing solution and disposed on the sheets in a predetermined position, the arrangement being such that the developing solution supplied from the pod extends between said two sheets to form an image, said apparatus comprising:

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- a component supply station for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets;
 - a bonding station for bonding said mask sheet and said two sheets in a laminated state, with at least one of said mask sheet and said two sheets comprising a continuous member;
 - a cutting station for cutting said continuous member to a predetermined length for thereby producing a self-developing instant photography film unit;
 - a stacking station for automatically stacking a predetermined number of said instant photography film units; and
 - a packaging station for automatically housing the stacked instant photography film units

into a film pack.

26. (original): An apparatus according to claim 25, wherein said component supply station comprises means for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets as first through third continuous members, the arrangement being such that said first through third continuous members are cut together after being bonded to each other.

27. (original): An apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
a beveling station for beveling corners of said instant photography film unit.

E1 28. (original): An apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
a fold forming station for forming foldable thin portions on opposite marginal side edges of said image frame of said mask sheet, said foldable thin portions having a predetermined depth across said mask sheet.

29. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 25, further comprising:
an air hole forming station for forming a deformed area at said trap and serving as an air passage.

30. (original): An apparatus for manufacturing an instant photography film unit which comprises a mask sheet having an image frame and two sheets, one of which has a

photosensitive layer, superposed and bonded to each other, and a pod storing a developing solution and disposed on the sheets in a predetermined position, the arrangement being such that the developing solution supplied from the pod extends between said two sheets to form an image, said apparatus comprising:

a component supply station for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets;

a bonding station for bonding said mask sheet and said two sheets in a laminated state, with at least one of said mask sheet and said two sheets comprising a continuous member;

a cutting station for cutting said continuous member to a predetermined length for thereby producing a self-developing instant photography film unit; and

at least one free loop disposed in a feed region required to position said continuous member.

31. (original): An apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:

first feed means disposed upstream of said free loop for feeding said continuous member a predetermined pitch interval at a time; and

second feed means disposed downstream of said free loop for feeding said continuous member a predetermined pitch interval at a time.

32. (original): An apparatus according to claim 31, further comprising:

detecting means disposed downstream of said free loop for detecting a positioned area of said continuous member and feeding said continuous member a predetermined number of pitches

at a time with said second feed means based on the detected positioned area.

33. (original): An apparatus according to claim 30, wherein said component supply station comprises means for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets as first through third continuous members, the arrangement being such that said first through third continuous members are cut together after being bonded to each other.

34. (original): An apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:
a beveling station for beveling corners of said instant photography film unit.

E1 35. (original): An apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:
a fold forming station for forming foldable thin portions on opposite marginal side edges of said image frame of said mask sheet, said foldable thin portions having a predetermined depth across said mask sheet.

36. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 30, further comprising:
an air hole forming a deformed area at said trap and serving as an air passage.

37. (previously presented): An apparatus for manufacturing an instant photography film unit which comprises a mask sheet having an image frame and two sheets, one of which has a photosensitive layer, superposed and bonded to each other, and a pod storing a developing

solution and disposed on the sheets in a predetermined position, the arrangement being such that the developing solution supplied from the pod extends between said two sheets to form an image, said apparatus comprising:

a component supply station for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets;

a bonding station for bonding said mask sheet and said two sheets in a laminated state, with at least one of said mask sheet and said two sheets comprising a continuous member;

a cutting station for cutting said continuous member to a predetermined length for thereby producing a self-developing instant photography film unit; and

e1 a component supply station for simultaneously supplying at least one of a plurality of pods storing a developing solution and a trap for trapping an excessive developing solution to a marginal side edge of said image frame, wherein said component supply station comprises means for supplying said mask sheet and said two sheets as first through third continuous members, the arrangement being such that said first through third continuous members are cut together after being bonded to each other, and wherein said first through third continuous members are fed a plurality of pitches at a time at least at said bonding station.

38. (cancelled)

39. (original): An apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising:

a beveling station for beveling corners of said instant photography film unit.

40. (original): An apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising:

a fold forming station for forming foldable thin portions on opposite marginal side edges of said image frame of said mask sheet, said foldable thin portions having a predetermined depth across said mask sheet.

41. (previously presented): An apparatus according to claim 37, further comprising:

61 an air hole forming station for forming a deformed area at said trap and serving as an air passage.

42. (new): The apparatus of claim 33, wherein the first through third continuous members are fed a plurality of pitches at a time at least at said bonding station.

43. (new): The apparatus of claim 30, the component supply station simultaneously supplies at least one of a plurality of pods storing a developing solution and a trap for trapping an excessive developing solution to a marginal side edge of said image frame.
